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MODERN DAY
MISSIONARIES



WHO DO WE WORSHIP?

WALKING WITH A MISSIONARY

“Good evening, Mr. and Mrs. Halter! May I join you on your walk?” Lin, an adorable Taiwanese boy, cheerfully greeted his new missionary friends.

“Of course, you may! We love walking with friends,” said Mr. Bradley Halter, as his wife Anita nodded and smiled in welcome. “What are you up to?”

“Since it’s August, my family is celebrating Ghost Month this evening. I’ve been given the job of burning the stacks of paper ghost money. Mr. Halter? What does all this mean? Mother says we burn ghost money and set out food, drinks, and flowers so our deceased relatives or ancestors can be happy, but how do we know they are? She seems afraid of what will happen if we don’t do this. But...I have noticed that you don’t participate, and you are okay. Aren’t you afraid of ghosts? You don’t pray at any of the temples either. Do you pray to Buddha somewhere else?” Lin asked hesitantly.

Mr. Halter gently squeezed Lin’s shoulder. “No, Lin, we aren’t afraid. We are okay. You see, we don’t pray to Buddha or any other idol or false god. People worship false gods out of duty or fear. They don’t experience a close and satisfying relationship with the idol. BUT, we pray to the one TRUE God—the One Who created the universe. He is alive, loving, and far more powerful than a stone statue. His Word, the Bible, tells us how to have real peace in our hearts. It says we

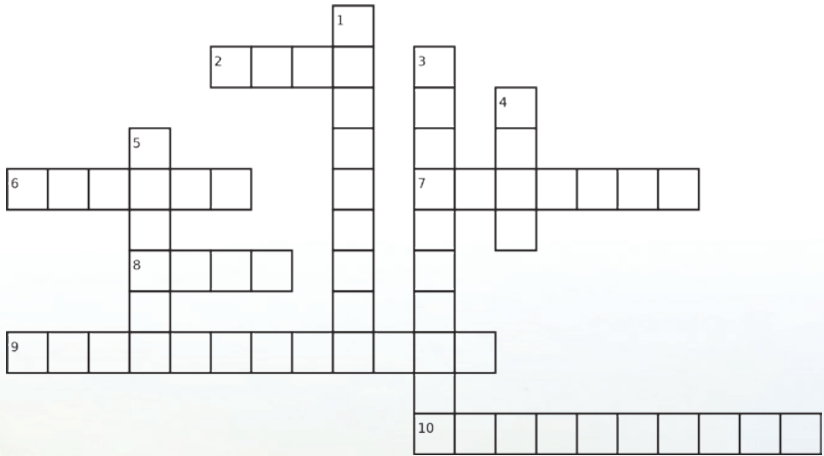


do not need to be afraid. Ghosts have no power over us when we serve this true God.”

“Lin,” said Mrs. Halter, “tomorrow is my birthday, and the best gift you could give me would be to come and meet our church family this Sunday. They are wonderful people who will teach you more about this God we serve. You will see how they no longer fear displeasing Buddha or their ancestors. Instead, God has given them joy and peace!”

“I’d like that,” said Lin with a smile. “I’d like that a lot.”

GHOST MONTH



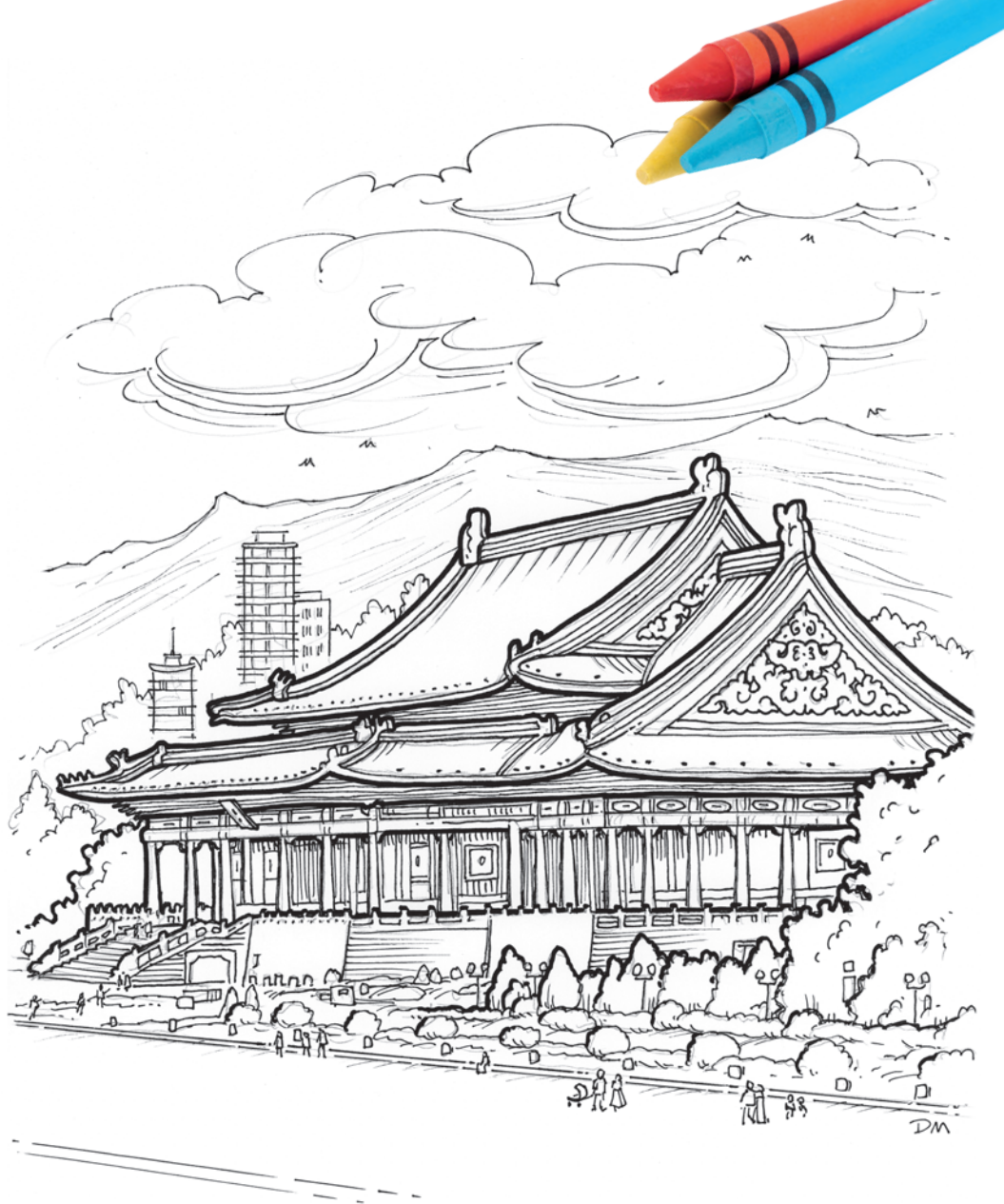
ACROSS

- 2: The _____ and care that Mr. and Mrs. Chou saw in the Christians deeply moved them.
- 6: The month in which “Ghost Month” is celebrated.
- 7: Offerings of food and drink and _____ are given during “Ghost Month” to make ancestors happy.
- 8: People worship false gods out of _____ and fear.
- 9: In idol worship, the worshipper does not experience a close and satisfying _____.
- 10: Burned to satisfy ghosts during Ghost Month.

DOWN

- 1: To Chinese people, ancestors are not just their father and mother, but also includes all of their dead _____.
- 3: When Mr. and Mrs. Chou visited their son, he was often visiting other patients and _____ them.
- 4: The father’s name of the teenager who had cancer and became a Christian.
- 5: Many temples in Taiwan have images of this false god.

The puzzle answers can be found on the inside of the back cover.



MEMORY VERSE

Worship God and God alone.
Luke 4:8 (Deut 6:13)

WALKING WITH JESUS

Mr. Chou (“Joe”) of Taiwan has a story to tell. He shares it happily with anyone who will listen. You see, there was a time when Mr. Chou’s family did not know Jesus. They were like many other Taiwanese families—when in need of help, they went to a temple and prayed to the gods they found there.

Then one day, tragedy struck. Mr. Chou’s only son got cancer. He was just a teenager, but the disease hit him hard. Desperate, Mr. and Mrs. Chou made large donations at several temples, begging the gods to heal their son, yet still he suffered.

Along the way someone told Mr. Chou’s son about the church where the Halters are working. He attended, joined the youth group, and eventually accepted Christ as his Savior. Mr. Chou even agreed that his son could be baptized.

This precious young man suffered much, but he did not let that stop him from sharing his newfound faith. In fact when his church family went to see him at the hospital, they would often find him visiting other patients and comforting them. The peace in his heart impressed the other patients and his family. Mr. Chou and his wife saw that their son was not afraid to die. Instead, he was concerned for their souls and wanted to see them believe in Jesus.

Mr. Chou’s son died, but what his family saw in his life made them want to find out more about his God. The Halters

and their church family showed so much love and care to the Chou family that it deeply touched their hearts. Mr. and Mrs. Chou soon became believers, and they too were baptized. Because of this new joy and peace, Mr. Chou loves to tell their family's story over and over again!



Answers to the "Ghost Month" puzzle.

GHOSTMONEY
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 RELATIONSHIP
 T E H
 R V DUTY
 U I O D
 FLOWERS T AUGUST
 H A M B
 C O L
 C O L
 R LOVE



Louie's treehouse Lair



Worship Is Important!

The Taiwanese spend lots of money during Ghost Month each year. The Chou family gave a lot of money to their gods when seeking healing for their son. For forty years Bradley and Anita Halter have given their all to the mission work in Taiwan. It is easy to tell who a person worships by where he puts his time and money.

Take a few moments to write down what your family does during a typical week. What does this list show about who and what is most important to your family?



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